COCHIN LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

OFFICIAL REPORT OF THE BUDGET SESSION OF 1122

Friday, the *1st August 1947* / *16th Karkadagam 1122*

The Council met at half-past eleven of the Clock in the Council Hall, Ernakulam, with the Hon'ble President, (Mr. L. M. Pylee, M.A., B.L.), in the Chair.

Messrs. K. Kochukuttan, K. H. Sulaiman, T. V. Kochuvareed, A. Eachara Menon, S. P. Luiz, M. Sivarama Menon, P. E. Warne, Rao Bahadur T. S. Narayana Ayyar and Mrs. Dakshayani Velayudhan were absent.

1. Statement by the Hon'ble President regarding the progress made in the business of the House

Mr. President : Before taking up the ordinary business of the Council, I would respectfully draw the attention of the Hon'ble Members to the fact that we are not making sufficient progress in carrying out our work. As the Hon'ble Members are aware, there are too many questions that are not reached and this has been especially marked during the last three days. I would, therefore, request or rather solicit the co-operation of the Hon'ble Members to see that as many questions as possible and as many motions as possible are taken up and got through. Why I make mention of this is that after all the pains taken and after all expenditure incurred in getting these questions and motions printed, it seems to be a sheer waste of energy and money, when such a large number of questions as well as motions are not reached. I therefore, respectfully submit this for the consideration of the Hon'ble Members and solicit their support in this matter because so many questions on so many subjects and so many motions on important subjects are not reached. I am sure, you will agree with me that public interest thereby suffers by this slow progress of work, that I am anxious that we should put up a certain quantity of work; but the main consideration is that public interest suffers. I therefore, solicit your co-operation. To-day, there will be questions and answers as usual, but as the Hon'ble Member Mr. Ezhuthassan predicted yesterday, suppose such an unusual thing happens, *i. e.*, if there is a balance of time by the questions being answered in such a way that there is some time left over that will certainly be devoted for the discussion of the cut motions that are left over from yesterday.

Mr. K. Balakrishna Menon *(Cheruthuruthi)* : May I suggest, Sir, that the practice of reading out answers is avoided, because that will save some time.

Mr. M. K. Raja (*Mulakunnathukavu*) : We entirely agree with the Chair that non-official members would do well to give their weighty consideration to the suggestions that you have made. My impression is that a lot can be done in the matter by the Chair also by exercising some discretion in the matter of allowing supplementary questions. If I have your permission I shall just read the practice, followed in the matter in the House of Commons.

Mr. President : I am aware of the practice ; but for the enlightenment of the House you can read it.

Mr. M. K. Raja (*Mulakunnatnukavu*) : Here it is "The Speaker has called the attention of the House to the inconvenience that arises from excessive demands for further replies, and to hinder the practice he has occasionally felt it necessary to call upon the Member in whose name the next question stands to put his question, and, for the same reason, ask the Members not to ask supplementary questions and has suggested lengthy answers should be circulated with the official report instead of being given orally. The Speaker has also requested that questions on purely local matters or dealing with individual cases should not be put for oral answer" and so on.....So that, Sir, I would suggest that we adopt the practice of discouraging supplementaries except on the so called "starred questions." I think that by this devise we may save a lot of time of this House.

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Mr. President: I have in fact been considering especially of late about the various methods by which this difficulty can be got over. Anyhow this session we are following the present method, and I think, if matters continue like this, some change will have to be adopted in the method of putting questions and answering them. This matter will be considered later, if the Chair finds that matters are not improving. It is true, as the Hon'ble Member has pointed out, that the Chair has got the power to curtail questions but I think that under a democratic constitution these powers should be the last resort to be used by the Chair and therefore; they should not be invoked, as far as possible. An elected President, should be constitutional. On my part, I will reserve the powers to the very last until all the other methods are exhausted. That is why I did not interfere or over-ride the actions of the members in this matter.

2. QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

Short Notice Question, and Question Nos. 103 & 109

Mr. K. S. Panicker *(Ezhuvas-Trichur):* Will Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) whether orders will be passed on the Pay Revision Committee's report by Government in the near future;

(*b*) is there any idea of giving retrospective effect to the scheme;

(*c*) are the Government aware of the acute distress and discontentment now prevailing especially among the lower ranks of the services?

Mr. K. S. Raghavan *(Secretary to Government):*

(*a*) Yes.

(*b*) The matter is under consideration.

(*c*) Government are aware that there is discontentment among some of the lower ranks of the services.

ENHANCEMENT OF PAY OF THE NON-GAZETTED OFFICERS—DETAILS REGARDING

103. മിസ്സിസ്സ് ടി. ഫ്രാൻസിസ്സ്: താഴെ പറയുന്ന ചോദ്യങ്ങൾക്ക ബഹുമാനപ്പെട്ട ഗവൺമെണ്ട സദയം മറുപടി പറയുമോ.—

(എ) ഗവൺമെണ്ടിന്റെ ആലോചനയിലിരിക്കുന്ന നോൺ-ഗസറ്റഡ് ഉദ്യോഗസ്ഥന്മാരുടെ ശമ്പളക്കൂട്ടുതൽ നൽകേണ്ട കാര്യം ഇപ്പോൾ ഏതു നിലയിൽ ഇരിക്കുന്നു;

(ബി) ഈ കൊല്ലത്തിൽ അതിന്റെ ആലോചനകൾ പൂർത്തിയാകുമോ;

(സി) ആലോചന ഇക്കൊല്ലംകൊണ്ടു, പൂർത്തിയാക്കി അടുത്തകൊല്ലം ആരംഭത്തിൽ തന്നെ അവർക്ക് എല്ലാവർക്കും ഗണ്യമായ വേതനം നൽകുവാൻ ഗവൺമെണ്ടു പ്രത്യേകം ശ്രദ്ധിക്കുമോ?

മിസ്റ്റർ കെ. എസ്സ്. രാഘവൻ:

(എ) ആലോചനയിൽ ഇരിക്കുന്നു.

(ബി) പൂർത്തിയാകുമെന്നാണ് പ്രതീക്ഷിക്കുന്നത്.

(സി) ഗവൺമെണ്ടിന്റെ സാമ്പത്തികനിലക്കനുയോജ്യമായവിധത്തിൽ ശമ്പളപരിഷ്കരണം താമസിയാതെ നടപ്പിൽ വരുത്തണമെന്നാണ് ഉദ്ദേശം.

PAY REVISION COMMITTEE REPORT—DECISION REGARDING

109. Mr. M. K. Raja *(Mulakunnathukavu):* Will Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) when did the report of the Pay Revision Committee reach the Government;

(*b*) have the Government come to any decision on the recommendatinons of the Committee;

(*c*) when do they expect to evolve their final conclusions on the proposals contained in the Committee's report?

Mr. K. S. Raghavan *(Secretary to Government):*

(*a*) The report of the official Pay Revision Committee reached the Government on 24th Dhanu 1122 and that of the non-official committee on 10th Kumbham 1122.

(*b*) No.

(*c*) It is expected that final orders will be issued before the end of 1122.

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